

### **Specification Amendments**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 12, with the amended paragraph, as follows:

The distributed data stored on the distributed storage system can be the common operating environment (COE) as described in relation to FIG. 2. This takes advantage of organizations with multiple personal computer systems to distribute parity data on each system for the COE image. The distributed storage file on the client systems can each include a portion of the parity data that is inversely proportional in size to the number of client mass storage devices available. If a new system is added to the network or a crashed system needs to be rebuilt, then the recovery logic on the client systems can be used in conjunction with the image in the storage array to create a new COE on the target client system.